

Remarks

The Office issued a first action dated 9/10/04 rejecting claims 1-9. Applicants have revived the application and in this amendment canceled those claims and substituted claims 10-19, which do not appear subject to the same grounds of rejection.

The Office Action reminded applicants of the rules regarding abstracts. Although an abstract that apparently complied with those rules had been submitted, applicants submit a new and more explicit abstract with this response.


The Office Action cited Linger U.S. Patent 6,733,221 as allegedly anticipating the then-pending claims. Linger discloses a substantially rectangular block used as an insert nut for a screw nut joint. [See Abstract] The action [para. 4] asserts that "member 26," which according to Linger is a "screw" [Fig. 6 & col. 2, lines 35, 46, & col. 3, line14] "can be adjusted by hand and thus defines a handle." Linger does not discuss screw 26 being finger-tightened or operated as a handle. Nor is Linger's screw "formed integrally" with Linger's insert nut, which the Office Action analogizes to the body. The Office Action's reading of Linger appears to lack application to the presently submitted claims.

The Office Action also cited Adams U.S. Patent 5,669,709 as allegedly anticipating the then-pending claims. Adams discloses a decorative light holder with a generally spiraling "hook portion 22 configured to be attachable to a gutter 36 of a dwelling or other building" [Fig. 1 & col. 2, lines 62], with a flat "base member 12," which extends to fit against a roof, apparently. The Office Action analogizes hook portion 22 to the body, gutter 36 to the track system, and base member 12 to (variously) the "downward portion" or to the handle. [Action, para. 5] That reading of Adams (however unusual) appears to have no relevance to the presently submitted claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application as amended is in condition for prompt allowance. If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned, who is replacement attorney for applicants.

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